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SUBJECT: AFRICAN COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE

1. STATE/COMMERCE PLAN TO HOLD BACK-TO-BACK COMMERCIAL CONFERENCES IN AFRICA LATE FEBRUARY. WE PROPOSE TO CON- VENE WEST AFRICAN CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN FEBRUARY 20-22; EAST AFRICAN CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI FEBRUARY 25-27. APPROXIMATELY 29 OFFICERS FROM THE FIELD WOULD BE INVITED TO ABIDJAN CONFERENCE; 24 TO NAIROBI. WASHINGTON CON- TINGENT AT EACH CONFERENCE WILL BE ABOUT 13.

2. FOLLOWING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED:

A. HOTELS. WE WILL ADVISE POSTS OF PRECISE REQUIRE- MENTS WHEN KNOWN. MEANWHILE WITHOUT INCURRING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS POSTS ARE REQUESTED SEEK SUITABLE HOTEL SPACE CONVENIENT TO CONFERENCE SITE BASED ON FIGURES IN PARA 1.

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ACCOMODATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR NIGHTS OF FEBRUARY

19-22 IN ABIDJAN AND FEBRUARY 24-27 IN NAIROBI.

B. TRANSPORT ATION. WE WOULD HOPE THAT VEHICLES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE POSTS FOR USE BY CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN.

C. CONFERENCE ROOM. REQUEST POST ARRANGE FOR SUIT-ABLE CONFERENCE ROOM EITHER AT EMBASSY OR USIS. IF NEITHER SITE FEASIBLE PLEASE ADVISE COST AND LOCATION OF ALTERNATE SITES.

D. SECRETARIAL SUPPORT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE SERVICES OF ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY TO TRANSCRIBE NOTES.

3. REQUEST POSTS ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER PROPOSED DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE; WHETHER ANY PROBLEMS ARE PERCEIVED IN MEETING LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS. IF SUGGESTED DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE WE WILL CABLE PARTICIPATING POSTS REQUESTING THAT THEY INFORM WASHINGTON AND EITHER ABIDJAN OR NAIROBI AS APPROPRIATE OF THE OFFICERS THEY WILL BE SENDING. POSTS WILL LEARN PRECISE ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDS FROM THESE RESPONSES. RUSH

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